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made and about 150 or 160 of them belong to a certain community. The Government did not interfere and do not want to interfere with such institutions; but only with regard to the Harijan students, they have said there may be ten per cent reservation, if they are forthcoming."

Students from the Bellary district admitted into the Engineering Colleges.

* 125 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to give with reference to the district of Bellary—

(*a*) the number of applications that were received from the said district for admission into the Engineering Colleges of the Province;

(*b*) the names of the students that have been admitted into the colleges together with the marks obtained by them in the Mathematics Group of the Intermediate Examination or the B.Sc. Examination; and

(*c*) the names of those that are refused admission and the marks obtained by them in the Mathematics Group of the Intermediate Examination or the B.Sc. Examination?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—

"(*a*) The number of applications received from candidates of the Bellary district for admission into the Engineering Colleges is 51.

"(*b*) The list of those who have been selected has been published on pages 445–448 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th July 1948. Information regarding marks is not readily available.

"(*c*) It will not be in public interest to place these names on the table of the House and the trouble taken for the purpose will not be commensurate with the results."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—"Why do the Government think it will not be in the public interest to publish the information with regard to clause (*c*)?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—

"Certain boys may not like their names and their marks published at all; their marks may be high or may be low; and simply because they have applied for admission, they won't like to be discredited before the House by their marks being published."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—"Is it not a fact that a student from the Bellary district who had cent per cent marks in mathematics has been refused admission in the Engineering College whereas a boy who had secured only 40 per cent in mathematics has been admitted into the College?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—

"I am afraid the hon. Member is speaking only with regard

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to marks in mathematics; the marks in mathematics may be high or low, but the total marks may be less than what has been prescribed for admission."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" I am speaking on reliable information; I am given to understand that a boy whose marks in mathematics was not commensurate with his marks in the other subjects has been preferred and admitted into the college while a brilliant boy who has received cent per cent marks in mathematics and good marks in other subjects also has not been admitted? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" May I know if the hon. Member expects the Hon. Minister to have all these details about him? "

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" I put another question, Sir, and he was absent at the time."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" He has given his answer; if you have got any particular instance, you must bring it to his notice."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" I am confining my question to Bellary district; there are two boys who have got cent per cent marks in mathematics who have not been admitted into the Engineering College? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I am not questioning the hon. Member's right to put his questions; but if he wants any intelligible answer from the Hon. Minister, he must bring the specific instances to the notice of the Hon. Minister. There is no use putting a general question here."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Can we not expect the Congress Government to do away with communal representation for admission to schools? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" That does not arise out of this question."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There is no such thing as a Congress Government."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" From the way in which the hon. Member has been giving information, I am unable to reply to his statements. If the hon. Member will place more concrete facts before me and if there has been any injustice done to any particular student, I am always prepared to take action. The hon. Member may place concrete facts before me."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" On a point of order, Sir. When the Hon. Minister said it is not in the public interest, why should it be still pursued? "

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is this not a popular Government which ought not to conceal information . . . . "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member put the question to the Chair and not to Mr. Bhima Rao; I do not know why hon.

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Members begin to put questions to each other; we must observe some order. I am sorry this kind of thing is going on. That question was mainly intended for the Chair and for the Hon. Minister. Either the Minister or the Chair should answer that. What is it that Mr. Nayudu asked, may I know? "

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" When the Hon. Minister told us that it was not in the public interest to disclose the matter, why should the matter be still pursued? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think Mr. Bhima Rao can ask the Minister for the reasons or how it is not in the public interest to give out the information. I do not think there is anything wrong in that. Mr. Bhima Rao may now put any more questions if he wants."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" I have already put them, Sir, I have nothing more to ask."

The report of the Fruit Specialist.

* 126 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is some years since the Fruit Specialist submitted his report on the possibilities of fruit cultivation in Rayalaseema;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what active steps, if any, have been taken by the Government to give effect to the Specialist's recommendations;

(*c*) whether recently a Soil Survey Officer was appointed to carry out soil survey;

(*d*) what the recommendations of the Soil Survey Officer are; and

(*e*) whether the Government have passed orders on the report of the Soil Survey Officer, and if so, what these orders are?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) The report of the Fruit Specialist was made in 1943.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to his question on 31st January 1947. The Government examined the report of the Fruit Specialist in consultation with the Director of Agriculture, Board of Revenue, etc., and as a first step they appointed in May 1946 a Soil Survey Officer in the Agricultural Department for investigating the following five areas in Bellary, Kurnool and Cuddapah districts for suitability for fruit cultivation with reference to sub-soil strata.

Bellary district.—(1) Red-soil stretches on the Ujjini-Kottur road in Kudligi taluk.

Kurnool district.—(2) Rudravaram Firka in Sirvel taluk. (3) stretch of land along the Kurnool-Giddalore road between Diguvametta and Giddalore town.